

MISCELLANY

Under this department are ordinarily grouped: News; Medical Economics; Correspondence; Twenty-five Years Ago column; Department of Public Health; California Board of Medical Examiners; and other columns as occasion may warrant. Items for the News column must be furnished by the fifteenth of the preceding month. For Book Reviews, see index on the front cover, under Miscellany.

NEWS

Coming Meetings

American Medical Association, Atlantic City, New Jersey, June 10-14, 1935. Olin West, M. D., 535 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Secretary.

American Society of Tropical Medicine, San Antonio, Texas, November 14-16. Henry E. Meleney, M. D., Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, Tennessee, Secretary.

California Medical Association, Yosemite National Park, May 13-16, 1935. Frederick C. Warnshuis, M. D., 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco, Secretary.

Interstate Postgraduate Medical Association of North America, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 5-9. W. B. Peck, M. D., 27 East Stephenson Street, Freeport, Illinois, Managing Director.

Pacific Coast Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Oakland and Del Monte, November 21-23. Clarence A. DePuy, M. D., 230 Grand Avenue, Oakland, Secretary.

Radiological Society of North America, Memphis, Tennessee, December 3-7, 1934. Donald S. Childs, M. D., 607 Medical Arts Building, Syracuse, New York, Secretary.

Southern California Medical Association, Los Angeles, November 2-3. Robert W. Langley, M. D., 1002 Wilshire Medical Building, Los Angeles, Secretary.

Southern Medical Association, San Antonio, Texas, November 13-16. Mr. C. P. Loran, Empire Building, Birmingham, Alabama, Secretary.

Western Surgical Association, St. Louis, December 7-8. Albert H. Montgomery, 122 South Michigan Boulevard, Chicago, Secretary.

Medical Broadcasts*

American Medical Association Health Talks.—The American Medical Association broadcasts on a western network of the Columbia Broadcasting System each Thursday afternoon on the Educational Forum from 4:30 to 4:45, central standard time.

The American Medical Association broadcasts on a Blue network of the National Broadcasting Company each Tuesday afternoon from 4:00 to 4:15 central standard time.

San Francisco County Medical Society.—The radio broadcast program for the San Francisco County Medical Society for the month of November is as follows:

Tuesday, November 6 (Election Day)—KJBS, 11:15 a. m., and KFRC, 1:15 p. m. Subject: Vote Today Against the Proposed Legislation Endangering the Public Health of California.

Tuesday, November 13—KJBS, 11:15 a. m., and KFRC, 1:15 p. m. Subject: The Work of the Visiting Nurses' Association of San Francisco.

Tuesday, November 20—KJBS, 11:15 a. m., and KFRC, 1:15 p. m. Subject: First Aid.

Tuesday, November 27—KJBS, 11:15 a. m., and KFRC, 1:15 p. m. Subject: The Way of the Vegetarian.

* County societies giving medical broadcasts are requested to send information as soon as arranged (giving station, day, date and hour, and subject) to CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco, for inclusion in this column.

Los Angeles County Medical Association.—The radio broadcast program for the Los Angeles County Medical Association for the month of November is as follows:

Saturday, November 3—KFI, 9 a. m. Subject: Health Talk.

Saturday, November 3—KFAC, 10 a. m. Subject: Your Doctor and You.

Tuesday, November 6—KECA, 11:15 a. m. Subject: Health Talk.

Saturday, November 10—KFI, 9 a. m. Subject: Health Talk.

Saturday, November 10—KFAC, 10 a. m. Subject: Your Doctor and You.

Tuesday, November 13—KECA, 11:15 a. m. Subject: Health Talk.

Saturday, November 17—KFI, 9 a. m. Subject: Health Talk.

Saturday, November 17—KFAC, 10 a. m. Subject: Your Doctor and You.

Tuesday, November 20—KECA, 11:15 a. m. Subject: Health Talk.

Saturday, November 24—KFI, 9:00 a. m. Subject: Health Talk.

Saturday, November 24—KFAC, 10 a. m. Subject: Your Doctor and You.

Tuesday, November 27—KFI, 11:15 a. m. Subject: Health Talk.

Meeting of Radiological Society of North America. The Radiological Society of North America will hold its next annual meeting at the Hotel Peabody, Memphis, Tennessee, December 3 to 7, 1934. The medical profession is cordially invited to attend. Further information may be obtained by addressing the secretary-treasurer, Dr. Donald S. Childs, 607 Medical Arts Building, Syracuse, New York. William E. Costolow and Robert R. Newell are counselors for California.

University of California Medical School.—On Friday, November 23, 1934, the annual alumni day will be celebrated at San Francisco Hospital. The morning session will be devoted to ward rounds, operative clinics, conferences and demonstrations, and the afternoon to a symposium on the autonomic nervous system in its relation to medicine and surgery. An outline of the program will be sent on request to Dean Langley Porter, Second and Parnassus, avenues, San Francisco.

On October 10, 1934, Dr. Frank B. Young of Long Beach addressed the faculty and students on "The Antiquity of Diseases." Doctor Young's talk was illustrated with a collection of paleo-pathological material, including original specimens, x-rays, photographs, and drawings.

On October 13, 1934, Dr. Robert F. Loeb, associate professor of medicine, Columbia University School of Medicine, held a clinic on "Diabetic Acidosis," which was attended by the faculty and students.

California Cities Maintain Low Infant Mortality Rates.—As usual, California cities in 1933 maintained their records for having the lowest infant mortality rates of any cities in the country. Among cities having populations of 50,000 to 100,000, Berkeley, with a rate of twenty-one, shares honors with Newton, Massachusetts. San Jose, in the same population classification, had the second lowest rate—twenty-three. Among cities having populations of 100,000 to 250,000, Long Beach was second, with a rate of thirty-

five. Among cities having populations over 250,000, Oakland was second, with a rate of thirty-eight. The Oakland record was bettered only by Portland, Oregon, thirty-three. Seattle, Washington, shared honors with Oakland in maintaining a rate of thirty-eight. There is significance in the fact that all three of these large cities are on the Pacific Coast. Portland, for several years, has maintained the lowest infant mortality rate among the larger cities. Berkeley, for many years, has maintained the lead among cities of the United States having populations between 50,000 and 100,000.

The American Child Health Association, in announcing these records, states that "in appraising these rates it must be borne in mind that they are crude and not corrected rates. That is, they are based on the births and deaths reported as occurring in a city. The city with inadequate hospital accommodations uses the hospitals in adjacent areas. Births and deaths occurring in hospitals are charged to the city in which the hospitals are located, and not to the city in which the people live who come to the hospitals. A truer picture is obtained from the corrected rate in which births and deaths are reclassified on the basis of residence. It is hoped that ultimately all vital statistics data will be corrected for residence."

The records made by these California cities are conspicuous when it is taken into consideration that the infant mortality rate for the 985 cities of the birth registration area is 57.1. The Berkeley infant mortality rate was almost one-third that for cities of the registration area. It is recognized that the infant mortality rate has resulted from a number of causes, such as the social and economic status, family customs, characteristics of different races and nationality groups, climatic conditions, the extent of modern medical service provided, as well as the extent and character of public health effort. It is certain, however, that these rates are dependent to a large extent upon the efforts expended in preventive medicine and public health.

Annual Alumni Day, University of California Medical School.—This will be held on Friday, November 23, 1934, at the San Francisco Hospital, San Francisco. The program follows.

MORNING SESSION

Division of Medicine

- 9-11 a.m.—Medical Wards Rounds: Ward E, Drs. L. H. Briggs, E. L. Bruck, S. P. Lucia, S. R. Mettier, C. D. Mote, S. T. Pope, H. C. Shepardson, S. J. Shipman.
 Clinical Pathology: Ward E, Dr. R. J. Reitzel—Diagnosis of gonococcus infection by cultural methods. Dr. W. A. Reilly—Calcium metabolism studies in children having active tuberculosis.
 Neuropsychiatry: Ward R, Drs. E. W. Twitchell, Eva C. Reid, P. A. Gliebe, D. A. Macfarlane.
 Tuberculosis: South Wing, Ward 25, Drs. Esther Rosencrantz, B. L. Freedlander.

Division of Surgery

- 8-11 a.m.—Operative clinics, operations, and discussions.
 General Surgery: Dr. H. Brunn and staff.
 Thoracoplasty—Drs. H. Brunn, A. L. Brown, H. W. Stephens, S. J. Shipman.
 Stomach or Large Bowel—Drs. H. Brunn, G. K. Rhodes, A. R. Kilgore.
 Hernia—Drs. C. L. Callander, W. Birnbaum.
 Gall-Bladder—Drs. S. H. Mentzer, F. S. Foote.
 Orthopedic Surgery: Dr. L. C. Abbott and staff.
 Albee graft.
 Gynecology: Dr. W. B. Moore and staff.
 Hysterectomy.
 Pelvic inflammatory.
 Urology: Dr. F. Hinman and staff.
 Treatment of prostatic obstruction.
 1. Radical perineal prostatectomy.
 2. Conservative perineal prostatectomy.
 3. Transurethral prostatectomy.

Surgical demonstrations of the three methods. Discussion of the indications for each, the mortality, and results.

Ear, Nose and Throat: Dr. W. B. Smith and staff.
 8-9:30 a.m.—Radical antrum operation under local anesthesia.

9:30-10 a.m.—Laryngeal clinic, Ward S.

Eye: Dr. F. C. Cordes and staff.

9-10:30 a.m.—Newer developments in treatment of detached retina; non-operative clinic with pig's eyes.

11 a.m.-12 noon—Medical, Surgical, X-Ray Conference. Amphitheater above surgical pavilion. Dr. H. E. Ruggles and medical and surgical staffs.

12 noon to 1 p.m.—Clinicopathological Conference. Amphitheater above surgical pavilion. Drs. G. Y. Rusk, J. L. Carr, L. W. Buck, and medical and surgical staffs.

1-2 p.m.—Luncheon, social hall, nurses' home, San Francisco Hospital.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2-4 p.m.—Symposium on autonomic nervous system in its relation to medicine and surgery.

General discussion of the anatomy of the sympathetic nervous system—Dr. J. B. Saunders.

Relationship of autonomic nervous system to dysmenorrhea—Dr. Margaret Schulze.

Sympathectomy in intrathoracic disease—Dr. H. W. Stephens.

Sympathectomy in the treatment of peripheral vascular disease and congenital megalocolon—Dr. L. B. Lawrence.

Relationship of autonomic nervous system to cardiac function—Dr. J. J. Sampson.

Endocrine operations for circulatory disorders—Dr. H. C. Shepardson.

Southern California Medical Association.—The semi-annual meeting of the Southern California Medical Association was held in Los Angeles in the auditorium of the new Los Angeles County Medical Building, and bedside demonstrations given in wards of the new General Hospital on Friday, November 2, and Saturday, November 3.

The guest speaker was Lawrence Selling, M. D., clinical professor of medicine, University of Oregon Medical School, whose subject was "Diagnosis of Epilepsy." The program follows:

Friday Afternoon, November 2

Cerebrovascular Lesions—A Clinical Pathological Survey by Cullen Ward Irish of Los Angeles. Discussion by John B. Doyle and Cyril B. Courville of Los Angeles.

Apnoes Under Anesthesia by Arthur E. Guedel of Los Angeles. Discussion by W. W. Hutchinson and A. J. Wineland of Los Angeles.

Diagnosis and Treatment of Common Skin Diseases in School Children by Neyson Paul Anderson and Samuel Ayres, Jr., of Los Angeles. Discussion by Louis F. X. Wilhelm and Moses Scholtz of Los Angeles.

Review of One Hundred and Ninety Cases of Heart Disease Complicating Pregnancy by James F. Anderson and Bernard J. Hanley of Los Angeles. Discussion by Lyle G. McNeile and Robert W. Langley of Los Angeles.

Saturday Morning, November 3

A clinical pathological conference was held in the Los Angeles General Hospital, 1100 Mission Road (new unit), under the direction of Drs. Newton Evans and Ernest Hall and members of the clinical staff.

Saturday Afternoon, November 3

Public Health and Medical Coordination in Poliomyelitis Control by J. L. Pomeroy, Los Angeles County Health Officer. Discussion by A. J. Scott and H. Douglas Eaton of Los Angeles.

Schuller-Christians' Disease (Lipoid Xanthomatosis) with Case Report by Edgerton Crispin of Los Angeles.

Angeles. Discussion by Raymond Taylor and Verne Mason of Los Angeles.

The Adrenal Hormones in Relationship to General Medicine by F. M. Pottenger and F. M. Pottenger, Jr., of Los Angeles. Discussion by Clinton Thienes and Roland Cummings of Los Angeles.

Dysenteries in Southern California by John F. Kessel of Los Angeles. Discussion by John V. Barrow of Los Angeles and Andrew Bonthius of Pasadena.

Symposium on Heart Disease.—The Heart Committee of the San Francisco County Medical Society will hold its fifth postgraduate teaching course on heart disease November 21-22, 1934. The meetings are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, November 21—Morning session, Mount Zion Hospital. Afternoon session, San Francisco Hospital. Evening session, University of California Hospital.

Thursday, November 22—Morning session, University of California Hospital. Afternoon session, Stanford University Hospital. Evening session, San Francisco County Medical Society.

An interesting program is being prepared to include the various phases of cardiovascular disease. The final evening session will be in the nature of a clinical pathological conference on heart disease, followed by a discussion of Thyroidectomy in the Treatment of Congestive Failure and Angina Pectoris. Dr. John P. Strickler, chairman of the Program Committee, announces that there will be no fee in connection with the symposium, and that all doctors who are interested are welcome to attend. The programs will soon be ready for distribution. If you desire a copy mailed to you, please notify the secretary, J. Marion Read, M.D., 490 Post Street, San Francisco.

"RADIO EDUCATION OR RADIO PROPAGANDA"

The item which follows, with the caption "Broadcasts on Medical Economics," was originally marked for the "News" column of this issue. However, because of comments in *The Journal of the American Medical Association* (October 27, page 1310) and other discussions in *Time* (October 29, page 12), it now has its present place in this issue in order to give emphasis to *The Journal of the American Association* criticisms.

BROADCASTS ON MEDICAL ECONOMICS

For the first time, the National Advisory Council on Radio in Education enters the field of public health with a series of broadcasts entitled "Doctors, Dollars, and Disease."

There will be nineteen programs of fifteen minutes each (10:45-11:00, Eastern Standard Time; 7:45 p. m., Pacific Standard Time), every Monday evening from October 2 through February 25 (excepting October 27, November 5, and November 12), over a nation-wide network of the Columbia Broadcasting System. . . .

"The recent progress of the science of medicine has been little short of miraculous," says the announcement of the series. "Physicians as a rule have shown fine professional spirit and have given freely of their time without pay. Yet more than fifty million persons in the United States either do not receive the care which they need, or are heavily burdened by its costs, while many practitioners and agencies for health are under-employed and poorly paid. The barrier is mainly economic. It stands between the doctors and the dentists and the nurses who are able and eager to serve and the patients who are sorely in need of the service. The problem is to bring doctors and dollars and diseases into such helpful and continuous contact with each other that the practice of medicine can keep pace with the science of medicine. That is the central theme of this series." . . .

"The purpose of this series of radio talks is not to advocate any one solution of the problem, but to fur-

nish reliable information and stimulate discussion," says the announcement.

All the programs will be published by the University of Chicago Press, 5750 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, and each program will be available shortly after it is broadcast, for fifteen cents for individual numbers, or two dollars for the series of nineteen.

The Public Health Committee of the National Advisory Council on Radio in Education is headed by William Trufant Foster, Director of the Pollak Foundation, and includes Dr. Haven Emerson, Dr. Alice Hamilton, Dr. Thomas Parran, Jr., Dr. H. S. Cumming, and Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur. The National Advisory Council on Radio in Education is headed by Robert A. Millikan as president, and Levering Tyson is the director. . . .

The remaining program is as follows:

November 19—Thomas Parran, Jr., M.D., Commissioner, State Department of Health, New York: Public Health Needs.

November 26—George H. Bigelow, M.D., Director, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston: Preventive Medicine.

December 3—Nathan B. Van Etten, M.D., New York City: Abuses of Medical Charity.

December 10—Ray Lyman Wilbur, M.D., President, Stanford University; former President, American Medical Association: The Doctor's Part in Medical Care.

December 17—Paul H. Douglas, Ph.D., Professor of Industrial Relations, University of Chicago: Uneven Costs of Sickness: How to Meet Them.

December 24—William Trufant Foster, Ph.D., Director, Pollak Foundation: Tiny Tims of Today.

December 31—Michael M. Davis, Ph.D., and C. Rufus Rorem, Ph.D., C. P. A., Julius Rosenwald Fund, Chicago: Progress in 1934.

January 7—Frank Van Dyk, Executive Secretary, Hospital Council of Essex County, New Jersey, and Homer Wickenden, A. M., General Director, United Hospital Fund, New York City: Budgeting Hospital Bills.

January 14—Miss Katherine Tucker, R. N., General Director, National Organization for Public Health Nursing, Inc.: The Nurse's Part in Medical Care.

January 21—Nathan Sinal, D. P. H., Director of Research, Michigan State Medical Society: Mutual Health Service.

January 28—William Hard, L. D. H., Journalist, Washington, D. C.: The Government's Part in Medical Care.

February 4—Haven Emerson, M.D., College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York; former President, American Public Health Association: The Future of Medical Care.

February 11—I. S. Falk, Ph.D., and Edgar Sydenstricker, Milbank Memorial Fund, New York City: Present Trends in Health Insurance.

February 18—Harry H. Moore, Ph.D., Director of Study, Committee on the Costs of Medical Care: The Man from Mars Asks Questions.

February 25—Livingston Farrand, M.D., President, Cornell University: Next Steps.

From the editorial comments in *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, the following excerpts are printed:

"DOCTORS, DOLLARS AND DISEASE"—RADIO EDUCATION OR PROPAGANDA

"In 1929 a series of meetings called by the American Association for Adult Education resulted in the formation of a body known as the National Advisory Council on Radio in Education, Inc. Its general purpose is said to be to 'further the development of the art of radio broadcasting in American Education.' Recently, Congress enacted some legislation entitled 'The Federal Communications Commission Act,' which automatically abolished the Federal Radio Commission. This act also makes it mandatory on the new commission 'to study the proposal that Congress by statute allocate fixed percentages of radio broadcasting facilities to particular types or kinds of nonprofit radio programs' and to report to Congress by February 1, 1935.

"The National Advisory Council on Radio in Education, Inc., is exceedingly interested in this problem, because it has made education of the public over the radio its particular province since the time of its organization. The council wants more time on the air for education. In a recently issued circular, the director says 'The council is an organization independent of faction, non-partisan in its procedure, disinterested as to personnel and noncommercial in operation.' Notwithstanding these assertions, the medical profession is now confronted with the promotion by the National Advisory Council on Radio in Education, Inc., of a series of broadcasts under the title 'Doctors, Dollars and Disease,' said to be presented by the Public Health Committee of the National Advisory Council on Radio in Education, Inc. These programs are offered every Monday evening over WABC, Columbia network, extending from coast to coast, at 7:45 Pacific time, 8:45, Mountain time, 9:45 Central time, and 10:45 Eastern time.